

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate very much the Primary Examiner's preliminary review of the instant application.

Claims 1-65 were pending in the present application.

In the June 28, 2007 Office Action, the Primary Examiner divided the claims into two groups and stated that "Applicant must elect a single invention for prosecution."

Applicants submit that the instant application is a national phase application entered from International Application No. PCT/US02/24938, which has been deemed by the Authorized Officer, who in fact is the Primary Examiner examining the present application, as having unity of invention. A copy of the corresponding International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) is attached hereto. *Applicants thus respectfully submit that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and all claims 1-65 be examined together.*

Alternatively, without acquiescing to the Primary Examiner's assertion, which applicants do not agree, and in order to facilitate the prosecution, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14, 28-37 and 48-56 for prosecution. Applicants further respectfully submit that, as shown in the IPER, the Authorized Officer/Primary Examiner has indicated that at least claims 48-65 are allowable.


Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested and this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Primary Examiner has any questions concerning this Response or the Application in general, the Primary Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 404-495-3678.

Respectfully submitted,

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